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Broadway, New York City. 5016.

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Carl B. Roden of the Chicago public
library and Charles H. Brown of the Brook-
lyn public library have been designated as
members of the Bookbuying committee of
which Walter L. Brown, librarian of the
Buffalo public library is chairman.

Federal and State Relations

The following statement from the De-
partment of Justice has been forwarded
me by our U. S. District Attorney. It will
be remembered that a preliminary investi-
gation was made by the Department of
Justice some months since, as a result of
an application by me as chairman of the
committee on Federal relations.

"In the matter of the complaint of the
Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore,
Md., this department has completed an
investigation of the operations of the Peri-
odical Clearing House.

In this investigation a great deal of data
from various sources has been examined,
interested parties interviewed, and con-
tracts and methods of the Clearing House
thoroughly analyzed. The only complaints
received are from two libraries and that
is the only source of assistance furnished
the Department at this time. It has been
found that while the new scheme of
contracts with the agencies results in an
increased price to the libraries ordering
periodicals in large lots, the actual sub-

scription price to the public or to the agencies or to the libraries individually has not been materially changed. The facilities for procuring periodicals by the general public have not been interfered with. It is clear that at present the operations of this corporation do not comprehend such a direct or important interference with trade in interstate commerce as to justify action by this Department. It is possible that in the course of the next year, when the new contracts go into effect, the interested parties may see their way clear to furnishing more direct evidence to restraint and illegal methods on the part of the Clearing House. For the present, at least, no action will be taken."

BERNARD C. STEINER,
Chairman.

Bookbinding

The A. L. A. Committee on binding has asked the publishers of the forthcoming edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* to bind a number of sets for library use. Librarians throughout the country will materially aid the cause, if, in sending orders for the work, they specify that they prefer sets bound according to the specifications of the Committee on binding.

The Committee has been informed that Houghton, Mifflin Company will bring out A. S. Pier's "Crashaw brothers" and Alice Brown's "John Winterbourne's family" in reinforced bindings. The sample copy submitted to the Committee shows that the specifications for this kind of binding will be strictly followed.

ARTHUR S. BAILEY,
Chairman.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE

(Appropriate current library literature will be noted in this column if sent to the Secretary, 1 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.)

Boston public library. Catalog of the Allen A. Brown collection of music in the Boston public library. Vol. 2, part 1, 144p. 1910.

Brooklyn public library. Personal hygiene and physical development. A list

of books in the Brooklyn public library. 28p. 1910.

Chase, Mabel J. Public libraries and art education. 21p. 1910. A pamphlet which considers temporary exhibitions, permanent exhibitions or museums, school department, picture collections, lectures and lecture halls, art department. The writer is Assistant supervisor of drawing in the Newark, N. J. public schools.

Eau Claire (Wis.) public library. Annual report for the year ending June 30, 1910.

Jackson (Mich.) public library. Twenty-fifth annual report for the year ending June 30, 1910.

John Crerar library. Handbook, 1910. A revision and extension of a sketch prepared by the librarian and published first in Blanchard's *Discovery and conquests of the Northwest*, Vol. 2, 1902, and later in the Chicago library club's *Libraries of Chicago*, 1905.

Lowell (Mass.) city library. Ireland. A list of books relating to Ireland in the Lowell city library. 26p. 1910.

Newark free public library. Twenty-first annual report for the year, 1909.

Ottawa (Ont.) Carnegie library. Annual report for the year, 1909.

Pittsburgh Carnegie library. Monthly bulletin, Vol. 15, No. 9. Contains a valuable bibliography of 110 pages on sewage disposal and treatment.

Pratt Institute free library. Report for the year ending June 30, 1910.

Reeder, Charles W. Government documents in small libraries. 9p. 1910. The substance of an address on public documents by Mr. Reeder, Assistant reference librarian, Ohio state university library.

St. Joseph (Mo.) public library. Twentieth annual report. 1909-1910. Contains floor plans of the new Washington Park branch library.

Springfield (Mass.) city library association. Annual report for the year ending April 30, 1910.

Texas library and historical commission. Texas libraries. Vol. 1, No. 2. Contains a description of the new library build-